

PERIA'S VIZIER PLAYS STEAMER

Distinguished Oriental Not Only Overlooks Himself, but Omits to Sign \$2,000 Check for Passage on Philadelphia.

IN LIQUID MONOSYLLABLES HE MURMURS METAPHORS.

Through Interpreters the Shah's Right-Hand Man Grants Left-Handed Interview and Talks of Honeysuckles and Pork.

There were once ancient Persian astrologers, so the Oriental legends tell us, who ordered the sun to stand still, and the wheels of time were stayed. All Asghar Khan Atabek Khan, Grand Vizier to the Shah of Persia, might have issued the same order to-day, and though the Weather Observer noticed no hesitancy in the passage of Old Sol, the Grand Vizier succeeded in holding up the sun for half an hour.

The Grand Vizier had ordered the most important men on the Philadelphia for himself and attendants at the expense of \$2,000. The attendants reached the pier in due time, but the Grand Vizier came not. The Grand Vizier's secretary and his son were left to submit to interviews along the line from the Waldorf-Astoria to the American line pier. Even when he made his way leisurely toward the delayed steamer he was still graciously submitting to interviews, though the captain, the first, second and third officers were first, dancing about the deck.

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When the party did get aboard there was more delay, as the Grand Vizier had forgotten to sign a check for \$2,000. The ship was bound up in the red tape of his office, and though he came to the pier, he did not sign the check. The ship was bound up in the red tape of his office, and though he came to the pier, he did not sign the check.

All Asghar, as he is called familiarly by the Shah, has been summoned hastily to Tehran. He is the Persian minister to the United States, and he is the one who translated the queries to his father and started back the answers.

Selecting a time-honored story and question, the reporter asked, "How do you like New York?"

Query Passes Along the Line.

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His Excellency, who somewhat resembles Richard Croker, winked at his son's couplet and cast a baleful eye in the direction of the reporter. Scratching his head for a moment he frowned and answered in liquid monosyllables.

When the reporter recovered he tried another: "May His Excellency's shadow remain fixed and will he return to his old post of Grand Vizier to the Shah?" This was a long one, but every syllable had been enunciated with painful distinctness.

Talks of Honeysuckles. Dickran Khan Kelekian made two spasmodic movements with his shoulders and flashed along the question. When it reached the distinguished Persian a white light showed under his eye.

His accent of reply was rather tart and the two interpreters trembled a little as they frantically back the report, which follows:

"May the scent of the honeysuckles ever remain in your nostrils," His Excellency returns, "and he has never climbed a pole for the Shah."

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Then with a polite salutation the Persian made his way into the steamer, and the reporter risked a third attempt: "May the sun never set on the empire of Teheran and the abode of His Excellency, but is it true that he had to flee from Persia to save his life?"

BROOKLYN GIRL WHO WAS BURNED TO DEATH AND DIAGRAM SHOWING HOW SHE TRIED TO ESCAPE.



PLATT FAVORS VOTE ON LOCAL OPTION LAW.

But the New York Senator Opposes Some of the Features of the Pending Bill—Wants Vote by Boroughs.

Senator Platt is in favor of the referendum on the proposed local option legislation. He is understood to have stated last night, but he is not prepared to come out and vote at this time for the measure in its present form.

Senator Platt's plan would confine the vote to boroughs, so that an overwhelming vote in any one borough for or against local option would not settle the question for the entire city.

"If the referendum is decided upon," said the Senator, "it will be only after the matter has been given most thoughtful consideration, and public sentiment has been fully sounded. For this latter purpose it will be necessary to hear directly from as many public-spirited persons as possible, and to have the matter accomplished through public hearings at Albany and elsewhere."

"The Governor is moving slowly and cautiously in the matter and will make no move until he is certain that the move is in the best interests of the public. There is no question that in certain sections of the city sentiment in favor of local option is very pronounced and that in these sections a practically unanimous vote in favor would be cast."

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ONE MORE SCARE ON "L" IN BROOKLYN

Fuse Blows Out on a Car on the Fifth Avenue Line as the Train Approaches the City Hall Station.

An explosion, followed by dense smoke, coming from a car on the "L" or Fifth Avenue elevated train in Brooklyn, this afternoon, was followed by a cry of "fire," which caused a panic among the passengers.

The train was near the Brooklyn station, coming in, and was waiting for an East New York train to move forward. As the explosion was heard a guard rushed through the train, cutting out the car.

On the train were a number of women. They rushed to the rear of the car, and a guard tried to spring from the elevated structure to the street. Joseph Kelly and Thomas Whitaker, both of Ninety-seventh street and Fort Hamilton avenue, forced the women into a forward car and there held them. One woman was killed and several others were injured.

The elevated railroad officials declared that there was no fire, but the women were so frightened that they fled. According to Kelly and Whitaker, the flames came up from the burning car, and the women were so frightened that they fled.

Chief Winkie, head of the Secret Service Bureau, has been here for a week past looking after this case personally. "We have been watching this gang since last December," said he, "and have found them before they succeeded in getting away of their counterfeiters on the market. So far as we know they are all new in the business, but they succeeded in making a very fair coin."

In all the Secret Service men secured 100 blank silver pieces, 20 spurious half dollars and a great quantity of dimes for minting half dollars and quarters. The factory at No. 48 Greenpoint avenue is a long, low brick building and has been operated by the chief Smith for many years in the manufacture of metal novelties. The entire property is owned by Mr. Smith, and is very valuable.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take a glass of water and add a pinch of salt. This will cure a cold in one day.

RUBBER ROSE TO SPANK PUPILS

Mild-Mannered Principal Best Thinks It Furnishes an Ideal Way of Controlling Naughty Boys and Girls.

BROOKLYN TEACHERS ASK LEAVE TO USE IT.

Stings for from Five to Fifteen Minutes, Mr. Best Explains, and Teaches a Refractory Child the Way He Could Go.

On the dear old days of childhood, when I scolded through the willow wood to the little red school-house on the hill, where I felt the stinging thong. Of the teacher's wrathful whiplash—Still in fancy I can feel it sting still.

The demand of the school teachers of Brooklyn that the principals of schools be allowed to spank bad boys is no idle jest. An Evening World reporter interviewed scores of them at a meeting of the Brooklyn Teachers' Association to-day in the Manual Training High School and failed to find one not in favor of the plan. There are 3,600 members of the association.

Lyman A. Best, president of the association and leader of the movement against the ban on the use of the Brooklyn schoolboy's trousers, is a mild-mannered man as ever terrorized a youth. He says that the spanking of boys rendered to their good.

"No man has greater love for children than I," he said to-day. "I have spent my life in their service, trying to make good men and women out of them and it is the love I bear them that prompts me to do so."

"The boys are good boys, but every class has had boys. The first time a boy is disobedient his teacher reproves him, and the second time he punishes him. If he is still disobedient, he is sent to the principal to be reprimanded."

"It has been my experience that reprimands do no good. This is shown by the fact that the same boys come back to me again and again. I have found that the only way to make a boy good is to spank him. I have spanked many boys, and they have become good boys."

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ALDERMAN NOW IN SCHOOL ROW

Schappert Has Interest in Property Over Which the Board of Education and Comptroller Grout Are at Odds.

PRESIDENT ROGERS SAYS GROUT IS WRONG.

Declares Board Has No Power to Agree on Price for Ground, and Protests Against "Reckless Statements."

It developed to-day that the school site which Comptroller Grout caused to be changed in his investigation of his charges of extravagance against the Board of Education is partly owned by Alderman Schappert, according to Mortimer J. Brown, chief of the Real Estate Bureau of the Finance Department.

The site is No. 300 East Ninety-ninth street and is on the tax list for \$30,500. The Board of Education, Mr. Grout declared, had agreed to purchase the site for \$100,000, according to a report in the Comptroller's office several days ago.

The Alderman holds an interest in the property, the Board of Education, the site comprising several parcels of land on which stand nine two-story and basement houses. Several of these houses, the report continues, were owned by Alderman Schappert. A fair valuation of the property, the report adds, would be \$25,000.

Alderman Schappert does not deny having an interest in the property. He said to-day that the entire row of houses has been in the hands of an attorney for six months in connection with proceedings, and that the attorney was authorized to sell the property for \$125,000.

President Rogers, President of the Board of Education, sent a letter to Comptroller Grout, Mr. Grout to-day, in which he said:

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THE WINTER GIRL.

The Girl Who Braves the Stress of Storm and Weather.

Her best plan for a man or woman to avoid taking cold is to endeavor to harden oneself as the cold weather advances by becoming accustomed to the out-of-door air.

Living in stagnant air, in a close room, night or day, the beauty of the complexion is spoiled. Many people imagine night air is dangerous and exclude it from the sleeping rooms as far as possible by keeping doors and windows closed, which is a mistake.

The crisp, cold winter air is a most healthful thing. In a moderately cold winter day one's body takes in one-seventh more oxygen than in warm weather. The air is purer, because the snow and winds clear off the smoke, dust and germs. We quote Dr. Pierce, who is an authority on the

some physician of world-wide reputation, who will carefully scrutinize his symptoms and give the best medical advice free of charge and in perfect confidence, such as Dr. A. V. Pierce, the specialist in women's diseases, at Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce was early a student of plant life as well as the human system, and he found that certain herbs, roots and berries made into a tonic without the use of alcohol or narcotics would cure the diseases peculiar to women. This he called Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

The young girl or the matron at times in her life is weighed down by periodical disabilities which become hard to bear. What is needed is a tonic for the womanly system. During the past thirty-eight years this vegetable compound of Doctor Pierce has sold more largely than any other medicine intended only for women's diseases. Few women in the United States have not heard of its splendid remedial qualities, for it is a prescription that can always be depended upon when women suffer.

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